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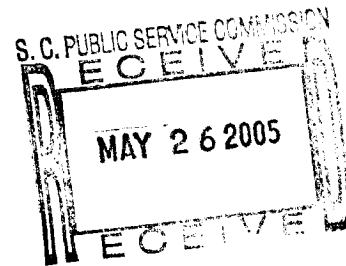


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Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11649
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Re: Docket No. 97-239-C

Dear Charlie:

On December 15, 2004, the ORS, with the "full endorsement and support" of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, sought authorization to utilize Universal Service Fund monies to increase awareness of the state's Lifeline and Linkup programs and to qualify households in the Bellsouth territory that are 125% of poverty level.

On April 20, 2005, the Commission held a hearing to receive testimony and evidence regarding ORS' proposal. No party opposed the request of ORS at this hearing.

Although the Commission's agendas for the past several weeks have indicated that "[t]his matter is ready for Final Disposition," it has not appeared on the Commission's action items agenda, and, therefore, the Commission has not made a decision. The ORS knows of nothing that is outstanding regarding this matter that would prevent the Commission deciding this case.

This matter has now been before the Commission for over five months. The ORS needs a decision for planning and budgeting purposes.

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We respectfully request that the ORS be given a decision in this matter.

Sincerely,



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